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Vpon Dundie as I maid way,
Nocht lang afoir Sancrandzois day
At Kingozne ferrie passand ouir
Into ye Boit was thre oz four,
Of gentill men as did appeir
I said fra thens is thair ony beir
Thai said Sanctandzois lyis into Dundie
Ane of thame answerit courtasie
We purpois nocht to ga thidder
Bot to ye Carse thair will ly togidder
Thair to compleit with Bennewte
Than I thame answerit to compleit
And thair we did fand
Thair ane gude fra hand
Thair cadelie tald
Sancrandzois maid
Appeirit to be
Of gretu clergie
Of medicyne and naturis sege
His rooking with ladyis but all outrage
Quhen maiste thame send thar he had bene
Quhair euer ane fair actioun he had sene
Ane vthir did appeir to me
Ane cunnyng Chancellour to be
Quha wes perfyte and weill be sene
In thingis thar to this land pertene
Be we had tribin half ane myle
With myrrie mowis I allyng ye quhyle
Thir twa of quhome before I spak
Of sindrie purpois did crak
And enterit in amang ye ze
To speik how thair the play was dycht
And this begouth ye Ientilmen
Quhat thynk ze of this new vpcome



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Ze that ar Clerkis and men of wit,
I wat weill ze will speik of it
Amangis zour selfis quhen ze conuene
I pray zow tell me quhat ze mene
And gif this ordour ze allow
Or alwayis how it pleis zow
¶ The Clerk said sir the reuth to tell
with Princes maters for to mell
I think it wyis nocht in our gait
Lat Courteouris of [illegible]
¶ The Courteous [illegible]
Zit men will speik sir [illegible]
Bot this new ordour [illegible]
Wes nocht maid be the [illegible]
The Kirkis Commissi[illegible]
And did aggrie to les [illegible]
Zit men may speik as thay [illegible]
Quhidder it lykis thame [illegible]
¶ The Clerk said haue [illegible]
I think our speking can [illegible]
Bot ane thing I dar tak on me
Gif as it lay the mater be
That thay of Kirk thairto assentit
Thay sall be first that sall repentit
Thocht for thair tyme lam wordis [illegible]
The ages efter will forthynk it
¶ The vther sayis thocht ze [illegible]
Ze think that now ze cum [illegible]
I sall be the laue of zour end
This ordour than ze misconsaue
Quhairof I reuerell greuance
That sic ane lawar wald [illegible]
Sa lychelie sould dishaue [illegible]
Ane ordour that wyse men [illegible]

Than said the Clerk in wordis plane
Syr as gude ordour I disdane
Bot euer mair will sic appryse
As is maid for the Kirkis behufe
Bot this ordour I fall Impoung
Se lang as I haue pen or toung
With speid than spak the Courteour
And answerit with wordis soure
Sorry men speiris without all Law
[illegible] before thay knaw
[illegible] young men in scuilis,
[illegible] to be fautist
[illegible] at dask and young,
[illegible] bot ane Pyat toung:
[illegible] as ane Buse
[illegible] ordour ansourbuse.
[illegible] Schir ze do vs wrang,
[illegible] in scuilis ouir lang
[illegible] na knawledge thair
[illegible] without mair.
Sine we may speik the thingis we say,
A thing that daylyis speik we may,
Thocht in all thingis we be not sene,
The verteis we may mantene;
At leist in thay thingis that we knaw
Sa far as reason may or Law.
Bot de that medlis with thingis vnkend,
And stubburnelye will thame defend:
Quhidder he be of Court or Scule
In my Judgement is bot ane fule.
Thairfoir before ze me condampne,
My reasonnis first ze fall examne:
And gif thay haue validitie
Than thynk zour self to be gyltie.

Of that same cryme quhairwith ze charge.
Zoung men and Clerkis in calking large.
Than that ze may perfytlie knaw,
that not but cans fir thingis I schaw:
I sall rype vp the mater haill,
Syne ze sall Judge gif that I faill,
And first this ordour as ze ken
Prescryuis fir bordingis vnto men,
That na way vs thay dow for till beir
Four Parische Kirkis to ane precheour
Quhair as ane only kirk wald ma
Four Prechouris rather for to ha.
It will defraude syne Secundlie
The present age of this Countrie,
Of the maist hailsum word of lyfe,
and steill it from vs man and wyfe.
And thridly will preclude the way
Till our Posteritie I say,
To mak mastryandis of the Lord,
Quhen thir ar gane, to preche the word
With mony Inconuenyence
That I haue not schawin presentlie,
as at maist lenth I sall declare
I think my freind ze haue said aneuch
Nor ze will preif to ryn this rowt
Quod I thairto ze sayd the Courteour,
I meruell meikill quhat ze meane,
That ze sa rashelie contrauene
The ordour that is thocht sa gude,
Perchance gif that ze vnderstude
The gyde reasonis wes thame mufte
To mak this ordour, ze wald lufe it,
and not engrege the cace sa hie
The Clerk said Schir say on tak se,

And

And I sall schaw ansuer mak.
The Conteryne began and spake
Sayand ze se, our throw this land,
How many wald Kirkis thair tols ha[ve]
Nane ourset Prayers or Preching,
Or ony vther Bodyly thing.
[Th]air is many Parochinis,
[Wi]thout ony Congregationis
[Th]ese menye ze des hard the word,
[Nor] the Supper of the Lord.
[Th]ir pepil not vsit to rin
[Th]is lang or mair be lang?
[Th]ir Gallowa
[Th]ir ar ane and mony ma,
[Th]ir Bischoppis yaire reindis dois pas,
[Th]ir Parsonis as ony of thay
[Th]our Vicaris to Lyte of Lanbiane,
[Th]ir thir pepil Preching pane nane
[Th]ir Bischoppis vthir wayes mak than thay
[Th]ing thair reindis I wenit thay pay,
[Th]an als to God thay ar als deir,
As ony in thir Natiouns neir.
[Th]ir Bischoppis as ze herk
[Th]ir ar nocht ane hundreth merk
Duthis number ze knaw is sa small,
The Kirkis can not be makit all
As thay wer ordanit be ald,
The Comfeit hes taucht ane chairtour
Ane lurk and cheritie dois draff
With Preching for to thark the laff,
And sa this new ordour dois rax
Four Kirkis till ane Preichour to mak,
That alweill thay of Glynnie Gof,
And rest of Kirkis that ar far of

Many haue the comfort of the name,
Throw all this land, as dois accord:
Be thes thir thrie this, and I alanerlie
Now weill I wait ye will not,
That all get part baith great and small,
And as it war, nae gif not all.
Sa fall the Gospell be enlarged
And all the [illegible]
With mony [illegible]
That wyse [illegible]
[illegible]
This new [illegible]
And als mak [illegible]
That thay that dis [illegible]
And bid the [illegible]
Beg baith [illegible]
And full of [illegible]
Thair Nichtbours to [illegible]
Thairfoir be fair quhat [illegible]
Bifze thinke as ze thocht [illegible]
The Clerk maid answer [illegible]
Sayand Schir ze haue said trewlie
Thair is nae Kirkis into [illegible]
Throwe of the word of God [illegible]
Nor hitherto [illegible]
With Ministers as may be [illegible]
Quhilk Kirkis [illegible]
Thair dewtie [illegible]
Thar bes bad preiching [illegible]
With Readers and thair [illegible]
All this I lay I grant be [illegible]
Than ze say of thes fuld [illegible]
That all be thaire equallie
That payis alyke thair dewtie.

Quhill

Quhilk can na vther wayis be had
Except this new ordour be made.
Ye fallow is not necessarie
Albeit that all sicho thankit be.
That thay can be na vther way
Bot this new ordour as ze say.
The Conscience greew sum thing bettre
And said. Sirrah will ze schaw ane better.
The Clerk answerit. that sall I doing
Bot ze wait that ordour I dame done
[illegible]
Dois all [illegible] gude Inuent.
As ze [illegible]
I dout [illegible] ze sall ressaue
And in [illegible] wold ourc all
[illegible] greew and small
Bot for [illegible] Quhilis Mick
Sa [illegible]
As [illegible] ane end
Thay said [illegible] ane vther end.
Till haue begun as I [illegible]
Nor this thay haue Inuentit now;
Ma ze [illegible] will haue thankit be.
The [illegible] for still lastene.
And beir the burding of that Zow
To keip and feid the Lordis flok.
The Conscience said quhair ar thay
Quhair [illegible] ze gar me sey mas.
Quhair [illegible] they ony (quod ye Clerk)
The vther day thay maid na werk.
To seik ony herezis thay knew
Thay wald be wound bot nane or few.
The Clerk said I cuid find the weyis
To get zow within zeir or day

Ma Wintheris in this countrie
Bekyde thame that ar yit levand
Nor ar thair vnumber that is deid
Gif thay that with the kirk wald ryde
Without all honour as ze knaw
Vn sic sort wald to thame draw
The Patrimonie of the kirk
Wer it appyp to thame that wirk
That leirnyngis micht be mayntenit
to Pretchouris that war godlie
Mychtfull thay micht be
To saue thair saull, and
And this is nocht war
Mychtis being done, wald
Ma Pretchouris schortly
Also I soith sum
Of leirnit and sufficient
this day, bezonde
Howbeit I graip that
Ma perfite ar the nett
as thay that reddrit wes deidly
Vse wald prelatis mak our quyet
What kynnis leirnyng the Euangeill
Sufficient men (dois he) haue nane
Thair is (sayis he) nane of ane all
Sufficient men that I can call
That ar alreddy in thay rowmis
The Clerk wes lyke to byte his thowmis
And said in wrath quhat haue ze wrang yane
For thair is mony mo amang thame
Waith of gude lyfe and dotterne toung
Mychtis in the treuith can perfit tounth
and bring thame vp in Christ Jesu
Perchance alweill I tell to zow

as sum that haldis thame for na Pages,
And sa it hes bene in all ages:
That all the corse of the Countrie
Be kempis hes not bene schorne we se.
Sa I call thame sufficient
with quhome S. Paull can be content,
That is that abill ar to rewle,
[illegible] the work thay wirche,
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

That gude Stipendis dois not [illegible] all,
And chaircot gude payment all thay ail:
For ed be maid with expeditione,
For quha will cum but lie conditionit
To tak the charge of ane Pleiboure
Quod the Counsell (quod the Courteour)
That ze na better understand
How ane [illegible]
Or will preache in all place:
The Clerk [illegible]
[illegible] leirnyng will be [illegible]
And will not be [illegible]
The Parochynis number full grow
Of sic provisioun I not meine,
That dois our purpois [illegible]
As efterwart I fall [illegible]
All that preich [illegible]
Sa laith of leirnyng [illegible]
Thay mak the lack of [illegible]
To leirne into the Scriptureis
as all the warld may clerely se.
For wer thair Stipendis anis prouydit
The matter micht be ellis wrocht,
Thair wald be mony to this land
Entir at this tyme I understand
That micht be chosin weill I wait,
The Lordis word to Ministrait,
as in Sanctandrois presentlie
Thair micht be gottin neir twentie,
And in the countrie far and neir,
wald be far mo than dois appeir.
Our commone Clerkis bezond the Seyis
wald draw thame hame frō all countreis

Of Ingland, France, and vther partis,
Quhair thay ar scatterit in all airtis.
Becaus at hame thay will not giue
Sufficient quhairon thay may liue.
Quhais number as I vnderstand
Is greiter nor is in this land
Of all estaitis, zea be sic, thys
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

And not abusit with wanis vsis,
That dois nathing bot spendis yat guds
that was maid for yat hay vse,
And not to feid ane Cruelle Beist,
And gif that thay forwardnnis anild
Wantis Rentis sufficient to vphauld
ane gude nnmbes of lit Brodrein
As (that thay want) lat eik thair Rentis
And than I dout not ze sulde se
Gret enrees in theologie,
And Preichouris yerly to proceid
Furth of the Scuillis to leirne ane neid,
In sic abowndance, that fra hand
thair sulde be plantit throw this land
At euerie Kirk, as pois affeir,
Ane Preichour at the leist bot meir.
For quhy the Scuillis sulde euerie de,
to mak our Preichouris vsuelie,
And quhen the Scuillis ar not prouyde,
How can the Kirk be hot vnprouyde.
The Courteour with wordis wyde,
Said I heir nathing bot prouyde
and get zow that, and get zow this
Zour talk is all of Expensis.
Bifleutingis heir, and found sum chair,
Ze big gay Castellis in the air.
Quhair is that geir for to be had:
That sic prouisioun may be maid.
The Clerk said Schir, luke ze and se
Bit that the reuenis of this countrie
May not do all that we haue tauld,
and als the pure, and Scuillis vphauld,
Quhilk reuenis dois Iustly appertene
To sic thingis as heir talkit heine,

Rub zie the Kirk fuld fouer gee
Tombzi ouir all withoutin lee,
Be this ozdour ſpirrand be me
Nor be this new ſe ane frie.
For quhen the Kirk ſa ze haue vtterit
Zit all the warld will not be ſtirrit
Quhen zit ſpirituall ane
Dow mony ſcorn ze will be
That preiching rude
For thay
Quhatſoeuir
Is full of
Thairfoir for my
Nouyde me
And neidfull
Of Miniſteris
Quhilk dois
The Kirk of
and cans
To riche and
Quhilk gif thay
Thay wald haue
For he ſall neuer
That he
That vp
Bot now
and my
The deuer
For I perſaue
ane anſwerze will
The Kirk
For quhilk
and firſt I
For greiter

And thinkis thay haue na mair ado,
Bot only Pretchour to luke to,
And that bot Perfunctorie,
Anis in four Oulkis, and ablis me,
Perchance thay reid, or thay cum thair,
God wait ia weill that dois all heir,
The Commentaris I cum nocht pervene,
Syne lattis into the pulpitt cle,
Sa cawld, rauky, and var of,
That na man can tak frute of,
Nouther the prose, nor
Be mair lyke
Than fellest
For his stubburnes
Nor yit the hart
Can thair fynd
Bot all rauld
Bot mutting
For aswell
The thing is all
To nane is spokin
Experience dois
Sa sic Preichours
Bot not in deid
That thinkis
Quhen
Thair saules
The quhilk thay
Euin as the Preistis
To serue the tyme, and tha fynd laid,
Hebir Celebratis speid weill heir,
And sa
For
I will

ward this Prodour with diligence,
and for thair perill be vigilant:
Ilkane ten Pairis till tak in cure,
Sa of thair Office quis thay be,
Bot gif thay can (I be weill war)
Of to quhat
I be wald nocht gang, I say na mair,
Bot
To say
Bot
Bot
Sa
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Sa

Thair prayer office was but vaine,
to preiche the Gospell rycht thairin.
Bot sa thir wicket bests wer fred
amang us now into this land,
Quhair Mahumeid him self has place
thir ypocreits sit fat and fyne,
with grit ease and sobirnes
For preichours as thay wald be kend
As the Apostles did command,
In euerie Kirk and congregatioun
Thay creat Bischoppis of renowne
Quhair euer prayer nes was maid
And sa into thair tyme we fand
thair was men in euerie countrie,
To seuerall kirkis appointit plane,
to preiche, and thairfoir to remane,
And pey not vnder Archibischop
For Christ thay rycht weill ane cair
To heir that Office euerie day,
Quhilk was not vsit lang tyme bey,
Quhen that the Kirk efter he fand
God grow in vertill ane grit strength
Syne God gaif to pame grace mair large,
thair Legatis fyll till vissage
Nor efter he gaue ouy a place
and thairfoir thay exampill tuik
That ye fra me the Apostles tyme
agains my purpois makis murmuring,
Becaus that thay of Speciall charge
Did preiche the word in hammis large
and till ane kirk it was nocht knawin,
Thairof na wonder ye may wonder,
that pey preichours now dois talk
The charge of four kirkis on pis hak,

For

For nouther þris the tryg ſaggis,
Nor þes men no þay ſtiffe weſſis
Nor þis þis [illegible]
Outr all the warldis þay ſeme frendis,
[illegible]
And [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
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And as the body Naturallie
ar certane tymis as we may se,
Man haue refreschement but delay
Or elis it will faint and decay,
Euin sa the Sanct haue the Ark in tymes
Quhen it was to be veseit or cryme
and consecrait with
And put in
That Christ
It sould be
And thairfor
The seuint day
As tyme sheif
To gif the
That euerie
It may
Than let
appointit the
To feid the
I think the
This ordour
Of our great arrogance
And the Law makers
Wyser nor God, quha
Quhairof standis God
and how and quhen men sulde serue
Bot thir Law makers that ar proud
Thinkis that ye
Anis in youre dayis, it will greit wonder
Quhill the feind
It is aue tailis
Saullis houngere
and thairfoir
They ar
and

and sa of it beginnis to tyte,
and now wald tit it wair the wyte.
Nuhair God appointit Ouirsie anis
at leist: this Law agane nbanis.
Ayis in four ouirsis, and sum wyiss nocht
Our Saulis sade to turn to ill effect.
Luik ze and se gif it scroyis thame
and gif our Kingis Croun we will waist.
And bourgeris be of sa full estait,
as dois perfite rois appeirit.
Gif seymandis of our Fanitie
Wan na pitie
Pouyris na rowme, nor na maiz,
I ban gif thi
Ane on this four coats meit dispone,
Of ane pure meit nocht four dayis none.
Gif our bourgeris be,
Sa
Our
Be
Ane
Quhair Sanctis Kirkis riching wes betaiz,
Ane in four Ouirsis now and no maiz,
Gif ane meyn
Of Sanctis
The Kingis grace sayd then I warne,
Quair bourgeris be sa bissy perfit beirne,
That to thair pay in reckoning nocht wairne,
I think thay haue cause to complayne.
The Clerk sayd sayer yarne wes ze wyiss,
That dar nocht mark in ony wyiss,
as ze haue vse be daily deidis,
And all nocht bene to ill paiz.
For now sum ane wes wont to weir prouyiss,
and thairfra all be clene mingyeit.

For it is better till haue part
weill takit into euerie airt,
Nor till haue all spilt and ouirsene,
as it is far better I wene:
Gif that ane man had stedingis ten
Quhilk requyrit mony beistis and men,
and greit expensis for to cure thame
Gif that this man had till manure thame.
Bot aucht Orin into aue plench,
Quhilk to all wald not be aunench,
Quhidder wer it better think ze
Till laubour ane or thame onlie,
Quhair Ilkane wald ane vther hane
And quhilk to teill his beistis micht gane
Or in Ilk steding teill ane Rig
Quhairto ane fairgard be mast big,
Ane dit teillit heir, ane vther thair,
Quhilk he micht not keip fair and air,
From wickit beistis wald cum amang it,
For till destroy and clene ouirgang it.
I think na wayis man will deny
Bot it wer better verraly
ane steding for till laubour weill,
And in dew seasoun it to teill:
That in proces sa being dicht,
Armicht bring furth to help the rest:
Nor for till spill all ten atanis,
Quhilk he may not gyde be na meanis.
I leif it to zow to conclude
Quhat I meine by this similitude,
Maironie yat ma nis yar pleuching wattis
Thristis not meikill till thame planefis.
For the maist part, as I beleif
Thay quhy wald ze thay pepill greif:

that

that hounger of thair Saulis dois faill,
And zairnis for fude with sa greit zeill,
Trow ze thay folkis will be content
To want thair Pastouris permanent.
As schorely in Fyie micht bene sene,
Quhat hubbilschow thair maist haue bene
For the displacing of ane Pastour,
according to this new maid Ordour.
And how the pepill wald not grant
Thair awin auld Pastour for till want:
Quhais lyfe and doctrine weil thay knew
and him to be ane Pastour trew.
Bot to returne vnto our taill,
Gif this new ordour sall prevaill:
This present age sall hounger bit
Of Spirituall fude maist certanelie.

¶The Courteour said Schir ze knaw
this Ratitie will be ane saw,
To mak the word esteme moir.
Nor euer it was heirtofoir,
For Rarum carum sayis ze weil,
And quotidianum wais meir.

¶The Clerk said ze haue reasonnis feill
I se, for to begyle zour sell.
Ze sall tak this a thing of me,
that quha feiris God vnfenzeitlie
Of that sweit word will neuer lek,
at dew tyme preichit in thair kirk:
Bot will lament with hart full sair,
Quhen euer that thay mis it thair.
Zea maitrattour in mynd I mpreut,
that thay that vse that argument:
Of Goddis word neuer mak greit cace,
Nor zit delyte thairof be sure.

Bot in this heid I byde to lang,
Vnto the nixt now will I gang,
For ze haue hard tak this Law space,
It will defraude this present race
Of Chriſtis Euangell in this land,
as I trow now ze vnderſtand.
Ane ſchaddow than wald only be
Of Preiching in the Miniſtrie.
Sa now to zow is maid patent
The ſecund Inconuenient,
The thrid reſtis than for till declair,
Quhilk ſuld mak all our hartis ſair:
That our Poſteritie behind
In Ignorance ſuld be left blind,
Without all comfort of the word,
In publict places as dois accord.
For how can Miniſtrie Indure,
Gif thay of leuingis be not ſure.
Quhair ſall thair eyrill be to ſchaw,
That thay haue richt be ony Law
till ony Stependis moir or les,
Gif that this Ordour tak ſucces.
For quhair befoir thay had ſum Rent
Be ane plane act of Parliament,
That was the thriddis of all and haill
Of benefices to thair haill.
Vntill the tyme the teindis all
Come in thair hãdis baith greit ãd ſmall,
Quhilk is thair awin Juſt Patrimony,
Thir thriddis I ſay, but ſtopping ony.
The Kirkis Collectouris ſuld vplane,
Syne vnto the Exchekergane,
and maid thair cõptis how yai wer ſpẽdit
Quhilk Ordaur wes to be commendit.

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the Kirk kirk ſtakit, than the reſt
Vnto the Kingis grace vſe wes dreſt.
Sa then the Kirk had of thair awin,
To ſerue thair vſe, as is weill knawin.
Bot now quhen that thay want yat Law
Quhat richt ſall thay haue for till ſchaw.
Except of Liberalitie,
It pleſit the authoritie
Sum Penſiounis for to gif thame till,
and that Indureing his gude will.
This is the greitest ground I ſe,
Quhilk is na tytill to ſtik be:
Quhen ony Princes ſall ſucceid,
that lytill luſis the Kirk in deid.
Thay will be thappit on the cheik,
and it will be occaſioun eik
To mak Princes Iniunctiounis geik
To ſpeik nathing that may thame greik:
And gif that ony wald withſtand,
Vnto that vennemous command,
and to Iniunctiounis not conſent,
Then thay wald bid him be content,
Or ellis he wald get nathing thair
Of his ſaid Penſioun ony mair.
Sa ſuld not our Poſteritie
Get trew preiching, bot flatterie.
¶Then ſaid the Courteour but mair,
All that greit ſkaith that ze declair,
Dois not cum of the tranſportatiounis,
Bot it cumis of the aſſignatiounis.
¶The Clerk ſaid Ioyne yame baith to-
Bot this Ordour is eldeſt brother. (gidder
I am aſſurit Tempore
The vther may be Intentione.

Sa this new ordour is ane way,
to mak the word of God decay,
And not to reache till our offpring,
Quhilk we suld wis abone all thing.
And at the leist ze man confes
That it precludis the way erpres,
the Preichouris number till augment,
Bot as this ordour dois Invent:
That is four kirkis till ane Preichour,
Quhilk I haue pronin within this hour
to be bot ane diffaithfull wyle,
The kirk of Christ for till beguyle:
And not to feid it Faithfullie
as thay pretend maist craftelie,
For may not the authoritie
Obiect till our Posteritie,
Quhen Ministers ma thay do craik,
Quhat neid zow ma Preichouris to haue
Nor our Forbears had before,
And we knaw weill thay lochoned nocht
Bot ane till four kirkis in thay dayis,
Ze will get na ma go-zour wayis.
May not this ordour be occasioun
to mak Princes vse this euasioun,
That Preichouris number neuer be
augmentit mair nor now we se.
Thairfoir Justlie I may conclude,
That this new Ordour dois preclude
The way till our Posteritie,
to mak the Preichouris multiplie.
In this cace to speik ony mair,
As this tyme is not necessair:
Thair friuole foches to repeit,
That this new Ordour wald debait.

Sic

ſic as this, befoir this Ordour
ſum Miniſtrys had kirkis for
and mony vane affectioun,
Indigne of Contradictioun.
I leif, as thingis of na availl,
and heir now will tak in my Saull.
Thair ze have hard me ſchaw at lenth,
how that thair reſſounis bes na ſtrenth,
and ar nathing bot craftie clokis,
That layis it is to feid the flokis:
That ſic new Ordour thay haue tane,
To knit four Pariſche Kirkis in ane.
and how ye richt meanis I haue ſchawin
unto all till haue the Goſpell lawin.
Gif that be it that thay do ſeik,
ze hard how I declarit eik:
That thir maiſt euill and hurtfull thingis
this new maid Ordour with it bringis,
Thair Story, Inconvenient,
and [illegible] Conſequent.
The firſt ze hard, it wald men tak
ane greiter burdingis on thair bak
nor poſſibill is for till beir,
four Pariſche Kirkis till ane Miniſtrair:
Quhen ſkantlie may ane man gyde ane
Gif faithfull charge thairon be tane,
and nixt how it wald mak vs quyte
Of Chriſtis Euangell our delyte.
Of preiching we ſuld haue na mair
Bot ane pretence and ſchaddow bair,
Sa that this age ſall be confuſe
Of trew Preiching, and Spirituall fuſe.
and thridly ze hard maiſt patent,
That all our offpring ſubſequent

Suld be defrandit on ſyke ſort
Of that maiſt excellent Comfort,
and haue na facultie to chuſe,
Ma men the Preiching for till vſe,
For to enlarge the word ouir all,
As it ſuld be to greit and ſmall.
Sa now I traiſt ze will not ſay,
Bot I haue vſit reſſoun ay:
to preif my Propoſitis unis plane,
That this new Ordour is maiſt vane,
And als maiſt hurtfull to the Kirk
Of ony that the Deuill did wirk,
Sen the Euangell publicclie
Wes preichit into this Countrie.
Quhairfoir gif that the Kirk conſent
Thay will haue caus for till repent:
Perchance ſoner nor thay beleif,
For als fane as ſum wald it preif
It is the way to put to ſicht
The Goſpell, and bid Chriſt
As ſum alreddy dois eſpy,
Quha did afoir till it applie.
I knaw not ſaid the Courteour,
Bot thay that did mak this Ordour
I trow ſall proue it to be gude:
The Clerk ſaid quha is ye will dude:
I wald fane ſe the Courteour
Or ȝit the Court flattring Preichour,
That to this Ordour did conſent,
Or ony that did it Inuent:
Gif he to me wald Intimat
My reſſounis to euacuat.
And gif I had into ȝour place
ane leirnit man that wald me face

I ſuld

with argumentis of greiter strenth.
the Deuillische branch of this deuyle,
and ground of all this Interpryse.
(Forsuith Schir (said the Courteour)
am assurit had Ilk Preichour
unto the mater bene als frak
as ze haue bene heir, sen ze spak,
it had not cum to sic ane heid
as this day we se it proceid.
Bot I can se few men amang thame,
thocht all the warld suld clene ouirgang
that hes ane face to speik agane (thame
sic as the Kirk of Christ prophane.
and gude John Knox not zit bene deid,
sa had not cum vnto this heid.
and thay myntit still sic ane steir
[illegible] maid beuin and eirth to heir.
[illegible] ze brother (said ye Clerk)
[illegible] vntill his werk,
[illegible] men dois not spy:
[illegible] zit Preichouris that dois not erre
when thay persaue the euill afar,
and dois not warne or it cum nar:
all not be gyltles of the blude
of thame that perische, to conclude.
With that we come to Kennewie,
Quhair that we tuke ane drink schortlie.
Syne raid a lytill Eist the bra
Quhair that our gaittis partit in twa.
To part with thame my hart wes fair,
Bot I tuke leif of thame but mair.
and thay vnto Sanctandrois maid,
and I to Dundie watter raid.

Quhair he the wayis I did reteir
Upon thair talking euerie weyr.
And with my self I said that tyde
It wer ane pietie for till hyde
This reasoning, gif I cuild wryte
Or had Ingyne, that cuild Indyte.
Allace gif Poetis had bene here,
That culd haue maid the matter clere
And set it furth in cunning wyse,
The thingis that I haue ehame to deuyse.
Bot zit or it sould be suppreist,
Myself to wryte, I held it best.
Thocht of all Cunning I be quyte,
Perchance sum Poet will delyte
To put it in mair pleasand Ryme,
That I haue blotit at this tyme
For fault of vtheris that had skill
I culd not bot schaw my guyde will
Thairfoir all Poetis pard
That wryit this of Accell
And not to take zour pleasure of
Than I fell to, and did Compyle
This lytill volume, as ze se,
Bow sone that I come to Dundie.

FINIS.